

# **English M.A. Program INDEPENDENT STUDY PROPOSAL FORM**

**Name:**

**UMS#:**

**Email:**

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**Date of Submission:**

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## **Independent Study Information:**

I plan to complete my Independent Study in:

FALL 20\_\_\_\_ (year)

SPRING 20\_\_\_\_ (year)

My Independent Study will be for this number of credits: (check one)

\_\_\_\_ 1 credit

\_\_\_\_ 2 credits

\_\_\_\_ 3 credits

## **Independent Study Required Signatures:**

Independent Study Advisor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate Program Director Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Independent Study Proposal Materials—Please include with this Form:**

### **1. Independent Study description of approximately 250 words.**

- The description must state the central topic—the ideas and concepts—you will explore. What are the intellectual goals of your work?
- The description must explain the research/writing outcomes of the independent study. How many and what types of papers will you write?

### **2. Independent Study bibliography of the works to be read and studied.**

- The bibliography should list the central authors, literary works, research studies, or theoretical texts you plan to read.

## Independent Study Overview:

Continuing M.A. degree students may propose “ENGL 696: Independent Study” projects (for 1 to 3 credits, **no more than 6 credits during your study here**) once they have successfully completed one or more semesters of graduate work. A student may divide the credits between two projects. For example, a student may enroll in ENGL 696 in one semester for 3 credits, and in another for 3 additional credits, with the approval of the Graduate Program Director.

Most students use the Independent Study to complete a substantial research or writing project that cannot be done in connection with an available course. For some students, Independent Study research and writing projects may lead to the Final Project. Some students arrange Independent Study in connection with an undergraduate course of interest to them; the undergraduate coursework supports additional coursework completed under the supervision of the course instructor. For more information on the Independent Study, see the **English M.A. Graduate Program Handbook**.

## Independent Study Registration:

After your Independent Study Proposal has been approved, you will be notified via email and will be **registered by the English M.A. Office for ENGL 696: Independent Study**.

**Please bring one copy of this form and all materials to the  
English M.A. Office.**

**Also submit a copy to your independent study advisor.**

**Submit materials to the English M.A. Office at least two weeks  
before the regular course registration period ends.**



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